MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) A list† containing the information in regard to the offices that have been abolished during 1107, is placed on the table. Orders have not been passed in regard to the abolition of any other offices during the year.

(2) (*a*) No temporary office from which the income obtained or in which the number of registration is less than that of any offices included in the answer to (1) has been retained. But the same cannot be said of the permanent offices.

(*b*) The net saving that is estimated for this year by the abolition of the offices mentioned above is Rs. 11,824.

*Work of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon deputed for filarial survey.*

293. MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the Sub-Assistant Surgeon deputed for filarial survey took charge of his new duties;

(*b*) whether he possesses any technical qualifications for filarial survey; and

(*c*) the nature and extent of his work?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 16th Mithunam 1105.

(*b*) The qualification of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon and the training he possessed, in addition to the special training he had from Dr. W. P. Jacocks, were found to be sufficient for the work he is entrusted with.

(*c*) The Sub-Assistant Surgeon examines the resident population for incidence of filarial diseases and obtains blood films at night. He also collects mosquitoes for dissection in the laboratory and does a certain amount of microscopical work. In malarial survey also, he examines persons for splenic enlargement and takes blood films for examination.

*Abolition of the Sub-registry Office, Pandalam.*

294. MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial from the people of Pandalam regarding the abolition of the Sub-Registry Office there;

(*b*) whether they have considered the hardships of the people on account of its abolition; and

(*c*) what will be the loss to the Government per annum by the retention of the office there?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The proposals of the Retrenchment Committee include the abolition of the temporary Sub-Registry Office at Pandalam. This has been ordered to be abolished from the 1st Medam 1107.

(*c*) The cost of the establishment *viz.*, Rs. 2,886-15-3 may be regarded as a loss, as the work of that office will naturally go to other offices.

†*Vide* Appendix VII—page 759.

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